

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: March 10, 2023
Regarding: EQAO

Message from Lorna Larmour, ETFO Provincial:

This message is sent on behalf of Tara Zwolinski, staff in PLC:

Dear Presidents,

May 10 is the first day of the 2022-23 Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) administration window for the Primary and Junior division assessment.

ETFO's provincial Executive continues to [advise members](#):

- Not to participate in the voluntary EQAO teacher questionnaire.
- Not to complete the voluntary online EQAO training and webinars unless release time is provided.
- Not to participate in EQAO marking exercises.

ETFO member advisories can be found on the ETFO member website.

These advisories continue to be relevant. EQAO has indicated it is leveraging information from teacher questionnaires to investigate decreasing scores. Should the government link decreasing EQAO scores with results from the questionnaire, teachers would be blamed. This transfers accountability away from the government for its systematic underfunding of public education to teachers.

Please find a flyer regarding the importance of saying "NO" to the EQAO teacher questionnaire as well as a short slide deck you may use in your local should you wish to. The following links to the ETFO Voice "[End EQAO](#)" article and the ETFO [website](#) may also be shared with members to learn more about ETFO's position on EQAO.

Please reach out to Tara Zwolinski (tzwolinski@etfo.org) if you have any questions.

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